

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for indicating that a content page is scrollable comprising the steps of:
displaying a content page within a display area;
determining that at least a portion of the displayed content page is scrollable; and
responsive to said determination, displaying a flyover to indicate that said content page is scrollable.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of:
determining that said displayed content page is scrollable vertically, wherein said flyover includes a vertical flyover.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of:
determining that said displayed content page is scrollable horizontally, wherein said flyover includes a horizontal flyover.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
scrolling said displayed content page in at least one scrollable direction, wherein a position of said flyover remains fixed during said scrolling step.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
detecting a flyover-close event; and
responsive to said flyover-close event, closing at least one flyover.
6. The method of claim 5, said detecting step further comprising the step of:
determining an occurrence of a scroll event, wherein said scroll event triggers said flyover-close event.

7. The method of claim 5, said detecting step further comprising the step of:
determining that said content page has been scrolled so that an end point of the content page has been displayed, wherein said display of content triggers said flyover-close event.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
providing a configuration editor for altering at least one of a positioning, appearance, and behavior of said flyover.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
implementing said flyover on an operating system level as a generic graphical user interface object.
10. A system for indicating that a content page is scrollable comprising the steps of:
a flyover graphical user interface item configured to indicate that a content page is scrollable, wherein said flyover is a generic software object implemented at an operating system level;
means for displaying a content page within a display area;
means for determining that at least a portion of the displayed content page is scrollable; and
means for displaying said flyover responsive to said determination.
11. The system of claim 10, wherein said flyover is implemented within an operating system specifically designed for a mobile computing device, wherein said mobile computing device comprises at least one of a personal data assistant and a cellular telephone.
12. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:
displaying a content page within a display area;

determining that at least a portion of the displayed content page is scrollable; and responsive to said determination, displaying a flyover to indicate that said content page is scrollable.

13. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of:

determining that said displayed content page is scrollable vertically, wherein said flyover includes a vertical flyover.

14. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of:

determining that said displayed content page is scrollable horizontally, wherein said flyover includes a horizontal flyover.

15. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, further comprising the step of:

scrolling said displayed content page in at least one scrollable direction, wherein said position of said flyover remains fixed during said scrolling step.

16. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a flyover-close event; and

responsive to said flyover-close event, closing at least one flyover.

17. The machine-readable storage of claim 16, said detecting step further comprising the step of:

determining an occurrence of a scroll event, wherein said scroll event triggers said flyover-close event.

18. The machine-readable storage of claim 16, said detecting step further comprising the step of:

determining that said content page has been scrolled so that an end point of the content page has been displayed, wherein said display of content triggers said flyover-close event.

19. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
providing a configuration editor for altering at least one of a positioning, appearance, and behavior of said flyover.

20. The machine-readable storage of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
implementing said flyover on an operating system level as a generic graphical user interface object.